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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

A method of forming a ferroelectric memory device, comprising:
 forming at least one capacitor pattern over a substrate, each capacitor
 pattern having an adhesive assistant pattern, a lower electrode, a ferroelectric
 pattern, and an upper electrode;

forming an oxygen barrier layer over the substrate;
etching the oxygen barrier layer to expose a sidewall of the ferroelectric
pattern but not a sidewall of the adhesive assistant pattern; and
performing a thermal process for curing ferroelectricity.

2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the forming at least one capacitor pattern step comprises:

sequentially forming an adhesive assistant layer, a lower electrode layer, a ferroelectric layer, and an upper electrode layer over a substrate; and patterning the sequentially formed layers to create each capacitor pattern.

- 3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the oxygen barrier layer is formed to have a substantially uniform thickness over the substrate.
- 4. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the etching step is performed by anisotropically etching.
 - 5. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the thermal process for

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curing ferroelectricity is performed in an oxygen ambient at a temperature of $450 \sim 800^{\circ}$ C for 30 minutes or less.

6. The method as claimed in claim 1, after performing the thermal process for curing the ferroelectricity, further comprising:

forming a hydrogen barrier layer over the substrate to cover each capacitor pattern; and

forming an interlayer dielectric layer over the hydrogen barrier layer to fill up a space between the capacitor patterns.

- 7. The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the hydrogen barrier layer is formed of aluminum oxide.
- 8. The method as claimed in claim 1, after the forming an oxygen barrier layer step, further comprising:

forming a material layer over the oxygen barrier layer such that portions of the material layer between the capacitor patterns is thicker than portions of the material layer over a top of the capacitor patterns.

9. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the forming the material layer step is performed by at least one of:

stacking and reflowing the material layer,

stacking the material layer and performing a planarization-etching process, and

performing a blanket CVD process.

- 10. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the forming the oxygen barrier layer step is performed by one of a chemical vapor deposition (CVD), an atomic layer deposition (ALD), and a sputtering technique.
- 11. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the ferroelectric layer is formed through a crystallization process in an oxygen ambient at a temperature above 700°C by using one of a sol-gel transfer, a sputtering, and a CVD technique.